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which is described and claimed in:

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(Filing Date)

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In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns, transfers and sets over to

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 for which the undersigned has (have) executed an application for patent in the United States of America

(10) Insert Date of signing of Application, or filing date and Serial No., if known

(10)
 Said application having been executed/filed on November 7, 2000 (and assigned Serial No.)

1) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing or divisional applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

2) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or any continuing or divisional applications thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

3) The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Union for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

4) The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

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